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SUBJECT: ALLIED DISCUSSIONS ON PORTUGAL

1. AT MARCH 25 MEETING OF NATO'S PORTUGUESE GROUP, YOU SHOULD TELL ALLIES THAT AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI WILL MAKE DEMARCHE TO COSTA GOMES AFTERNOON MARCH 25 AND THAT YOU EXPECT TO BE IN A POSITION TO BRIEF ALLIES ON RESULTS OF THAT DEMARCHE.

2. YOU SHOULD ALSO COMMENT TO THE ALLIES THAT --WE CONTINUE TO URGE THEM TO MAKE THEIR OWN VIEWS KNOWN BILATERALLY TO PORTUGAL. SO FAR AS WE KNOW, SECRET

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ONLY UK AND US HAVE DONE SO OR PLAN TO DO SO.

--IF ALLIED VIEWS ARE TO HAVE ANY INFLUENCE ON THE
CURRENT SITUATION, THE SOONER THEY ARE CONVEYED THE
BETTER.

--WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT THE EC-9 ACT AS A UNIT,
AS WELL AS EACH MEMBER ACTING BILATERALLY, AND THAT
SUCH ACTION BE PROMPT.

3. IF YOU ARE ASKED WHETHER WE HAVE YET DISCUSSED THE
PORTUGUESE QUESTION WITH THE USSR, YOU SHOULD RESPOND
THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO APPROACH THE USSR.

4. FOR LISBON: IN REPORTING ON YOUR DEMARCHE TO COSTA
GOMES, YOU SHOULD INDICATE THOSE PORTIONS WHICH
AMBASSADOR BRUCE MIGHT DRAW UPON IN BRIEFING ALLIES.
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